

## KILLED BY A TREE

A Boy Struck by Lightning in the Storm.

THREE OTHERS ALSO KILLED

The Latest News From the Flooded Districts—The Loss at Various Points Estimated.

GRAND RAPIDS, Pa., June 3.—A terrific thunder storm played havoc throughout Lackawanna county, Thursday night. It began in the early evening and continued until 3 o'clock a. m. Three boys and one girl were struck by lightning. Two were killed outright and the others fatally injured.

When the storm first came up two Polish boys, Joseph and Cammie Chonicki, were caught beneath a large oak tree in South Scranton. Cammie was part of the way up the tree while Joseph was standing beneath when the lightning struck. Joseph was instantly killed and Cammie was set on fire by the electric fluid. He caught on one of the limbs of the tree and was frightfully burned before aid could reach him. He died in a few hours.

In the Hyde Park section a 3-year-old son of Sylvester Arnold was struck and his injuries are regarded fatal. At Elmhurst, 7 miles east of this city, a girl named Andrews while seeking shelter under a tree was killed by a thunderbolt.

Still Rising. St. Louis, June 3.—Gloom and apprehension have again overtaken the lower portion of this city, its suburbs along the river front and East St. Louis. Everybody had been anticipating that by next week they could get into their recently-flooded houses, but those hopes have been dashed by Thursday's news, which is that the river will rise at least 4 feet more inside of three days and may possibly go beyond the 40-foot mark. River men are alarmed over the outlook as well as the railroad men, who had hoped that the worst was over.

Rapid Rise. From above both along the Mississippi and the Missouri and tributaries dispatches Thursday night indicate rapid rises, caused by the recent heavy rains which the watersheds of the valley are beginning to discharge into the stream. With the known quantity of water in sight and already within a few days of here the rise must inevitably be at least 3 feet, and the weather bureau predicts even more.

Alarming Reports. More alarming reports come from the mountain regions of Montana, Idaho and Wyoming, at the headwaters of the Missouri, where the snow is beginning to melt and widening the volumes of water now washing down. The situation is now the most critical ever known in the history of the river. Such a rise as is expected here will make enormous damage below, and the places that are not protected by levees must succumb before the added weight and force of the flood now coming. An experienced man who has just returned from lower river points predicts that within two weeks more the Mississippi valley will know such a flood as never before visited any portion of the land.

Washing Over Ferry Landings. New Orleans, June 3.—The river Thursday was higher than ever known in its history. The water is finding its way over the ferry landings into the city streets on both sides of the river, but is doing no serious damage yet.

Another break occurred on the west bank of the river 11 miles below Donaldsonville on the New Hope plantation. Thursday night the New Hope crevasse was over 100 feet wide. A large force is at work and will work all night. New Hope is under water, and the water has reached the Texas & Pacific tracks, but is not yet over them. If the break is not closed it will overflow the whole of lower St. James as well as the Bayou La Poudre country. The river is flush with the top of the banks all along the coast and the planters are alarmed. Even at Donaldsonville sacks are being piled on top of the levees.

News from Red river says that the planters are all at work, but the Arkansas crevasse may raise the stream even above the 1900 level, and the system of levees along the stream does not seem to be strong enough to make the necessary resistance.

Trains Delayed by Washouts. GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., June 3.—Trains on the northern division of the Grand Rapids & Indiana and Chicago & West Michigan railways were delayed from five to six hours Thursday morning by floods and washouts. Two sections of the south-bound Grand Rapids & Indiana freight, due here at 6 o'clock Wednesday evening, were derailed 3 miles north of the city, but no one was injured. The trainmen jumping for their lives. Between this city and Sparta the Chicago & West Michigan has not been seriously damaged from washouts, and many farms were greatly damaged by Wednesday night's cloudburst. All streams are bank full. It is still raining.

Filled the Houses with Mud. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., June 3.—The floods which have prevailed in this locality for three days began to subside early Thursday morning, and the waters along the streams have found their way into the channels, leaving the submerged houses filled with mud 3 inches deep. When the occupants returned they found everything ruined, the beds, carpets and chairs covered with a thick coating of mud, the gravel streets entirely washed out and the brick pavements undermined and worthless until relaid. The damage to the additions to the city alone is reckoned at not less than \$100,000, nearly all of which must be borne by the laboring classes.

Losses in Illinois. CHICAGO, June 3.—Secretary of the State Board of Health Dr. F. W. Reilly has received returns of flood losses from sixteen Illinois counties more or less affected by the Mississippi valley inundation. Of these the most serious are Monroe and Randolph. In these two counties there is an area of 120 square miles under from 3 to 10 feet of water. Eighty-eight thousand acres of cultivated lands are damaged to the amount of \$1,343,000. More than 1,100 families, embracing nearly 4,000 people, have been driven from their homes and many of them

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are absolutely destitute. It is estimated that it will require at least \$30,000 to support the most needy of these people until they can again become self-sustaining. The two counties specially mentioned are said to be fair samples of the entire region below East St. Louis. The Chicago board of trade has appointed a committee to solicit subscriptions for the sufferers.

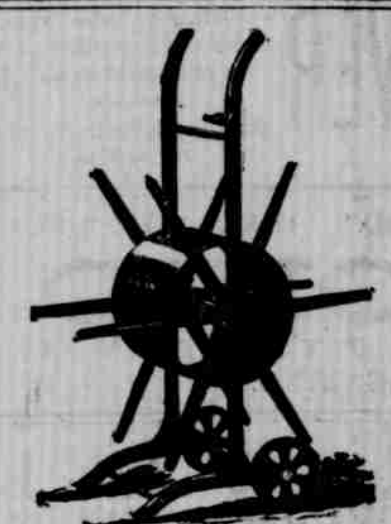
Detroit Flooded. DETROIT, Mich., June 3.—For several days rain has been falling here at intervals, but Thursday night it began to pour down, and within one hour and ten minutes 2.40 inches had been precipitated in this city. The storm extended north along the east shore of Lake Huron and south into Ohio. At Alpena 1.64 inches fell and at the "Soo" the record was about 1 inch. Reports of damage by backing sewers, which were unable to carry off the immense volumes of water, are coming in from all parts of the city. Stores and residence cellars everywhere are flooded. The fire department received something like 100 calls for assistance in pumping out the water from the cellars about the city Thursday night. On many thoroughfares the car lines were covered to a depth of a foot or more, the cars running through water up to the steps. The total damage in Detroit, which is estimated to be up in the thousands, will not be known definitely for several days. Grand Rapids suffered severely by the heavy down-pour of rain. The farms in the low lands thereabouts are under water, crops are beaten down, streams are swollen and roads are impassable because of mud. A heavy washout is reported.

The Texas Cyclone. SAN ANGELO, Tex., June 3.—Reports from Twin Mountain Farm, near Angus, say that every house there was wiped out by Tuesday night's cyclone. Some houses were carried a mile. Ten thousand dollars' worth of crops were destroyed. One family was carried with their house half a mile but not injured. One Mexican servant was killed.

LYNCHED IN NEW YORK. Short Skirt for a Colored Man Who Assaulted a Young Woman. PORT Jervis, N. Y., June 3.—A crime revolting in its nature and characterized by circumstances of extreme brutality was perpetrated Thursday upon the person of Miss Lena MacMahon, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John MacMahon, of this village, by a negro, Bob Jackson. It was witnessed by a number of young girls and also by two young negroes who would have interfered in the girl's behalf but they were kept at bay by a revolver. Jackson after his fearful crime fled, leaving his victim in an insensible condition and with injuries which will probably prove fatal.

A posse was organized and the brute was captured about 9 miles from Port Jervis. On the way back to this village Jackson confessed the crime and implicated William Foley, a white man, whom he claimed was in the conspiracy to ruin Miss MacMahon. On his arrival at the lockup he was taken in hand by a mob. A posse was organized and he was strung up to a tree in the presence of a howling mob of over 1,000 people. For over an hour the body hung suspended and was viewed by crowds of people. The mob is looking for Foley, who has been paying attention to Miss MacMahon against her parents' wishes, and if he is found another lynching is more than probable.

Small-Pox in the Ohio Valley. FARMERSBURG, W. Va., June 3.—Small-pox is raging in the Ohio valley between the Big and Little Kanawha rivers. Pomeroy, O., Mason City, La. and other West Virginia towns are quarantined, and nearly every town in the valley has taken stringent measures to prevent the spread of the scourge. The Ohio River railroad and boats and all business in this county are suffering greatly, as no shipments can be made nor from the district. At this point business is practically at a standstill.

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